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Protective Services Holiday Donation Drive at Fairfield County Job & Family Services

The Protective Services Department of Fairfield County Job & Family Services needs your help to provide special wishes and hope for a child or elderly adult during this year's holiday season. Each year, the agency provides holiday gifts through its annual Holiday Donation Drive for children and elderly adults under its protection. In 2015, more than 415 children/adults had their wish lists fulfilled by the generosity of the community. In order to accomplish this extraordinary mission again this year, donations are needed. There are several ways to offer your support to make the 2016 Holiday Donation Drive a success.

Sponsoring a child(ren) and/or elderly adult(s) is easy. Sponsors wanting to help will be matched with a child/adult in need for the holiday. To aid in the selection of gifts, donors will be provided with a wish list indicating clothing sizes and special interest ideas. After donors complete their wish lists, the gifts can be delivered to the agency or arrangements can be made for agency staff to pick up a donation. Gifts will be delivered to recipients in time for Christmas. Individuals and groups can begin requesting lists now to start helping Santa and his Protective Services elves bring holiday magic to a child or elderly adult.

Giving Trees are another opportunity to give this holiday season. Giving Trees will be located at area McDonald's Restaurants starting Thanksgiving weekend. Each ornament on the Giving Tree specifies a gift or two from an individual child's wish list. Unwrapped gifts may be returned to Job & Family Services, 239 West Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio, with the ornament taped to the gift(s). Toy donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at the same location. To allow time for delivery, all donations should be received on or before December 15, 2016. Regardless though, we will be most grateful to receive donations right up to the time that Santa plans his last delivery.

Another option might be a monetary donation or gift card to have Protective Services elves do the shopping. Please make checks payable to *Protective Services Holiday Donation Drive*. No donation is too small.

For further information about helping this holiday season, please contact Heather Funk at 740-652-7689 or heather.funk@jfs.ohio.gov

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